

Faculty Senate Resolution on Shared Governance

Whereas the Faculty Senate of Tennessee Tech University recognizes the recent disconnect between faculty and administrators related to Shared Governance, and presently there is a commitment to shared governance by the University President;

Whereas shared governance is an essential part of the University function but can become a useless term if not defined and qualified by vested parties;

Whereas members of the Faculty Senate recognize that shared governance is a delicate balance between faculty and administration related to decisions being made relevant to governing the university and should be a shared vision for the governance of Tennessee Tech;

Whereas shared governance is not merely a matter of faculty being on committees, but includes key faculty members having relevant roles and valid input on committees, and the Faculty Senate, comprised of elected Academic and Administrative Council members, being key participants in curricular and academic matters as well as having opportunity for input and weighing in on major university decisions, working closely with the University President and other university administrators as appropriate for the good of the university; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate believes that true shared governance is broad and continuous two-way communication and mutually informed dialogue between faculty and administrators and we, the Faculty Senate are committed to making shared governance a priority at Tennessee Tech.

Mover: Senator Brian O'Connor

Seconder: Senator Stretz

Approved by Faculty Senate vote on April 24, 2017